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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Tracy L. FEREIA et al.)
Serial No.: 10/050,188) Group Art Unit: 1634
Filed: January 14, 2002) Examiner: CHAKRABARTI, A.
For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS)
FOR MICROARRAY CONTROL)

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Sir:

RESPONSE

Applicants now respond to the Office Action mailed March 25, 2003. The period for reply has been extended one month by the Petition for One Month Extension of Time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith.

The Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

Group I, claims 1-10 and 26, drawn to method of nucleic acid hybridization, classified in class 435, subclass 6.

Group II, claims 11-25, drawn to a kit comprising nucleic acids, classified in class 536, subclass 22.1.

Applicants elect Group 1, claims 1-10 and 26.

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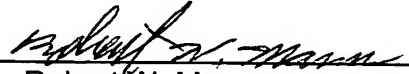
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